

MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Tuesday, June 6, 2006 3:40 p.m. Room 307 House Office Building, Lansing

Representative Nitz, Chair, called the meeting to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Nitz, Ball, Newell, Stahl, Proos, Hune, Mayes, Spade, Kathleen Law, Sheltroun. (10/11)

ABSENT/EXCUSED: Representative Casperson. (1/11)

Representative Newell made a motion to adopt the minutes of the meeting of May 23, 2006, supported by Representative Sheltroun. No objections being offered, a unanimous ballot was cast to accept the minutes as presented.

The Chair laid SB 877 before the Committee.

SB 877	Garcia	Agriculture; fertilizer; anhydrous ammonia; set security standards and provide for civil immunity under certain circumstances.
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Tony Snyder, representing Senator Garcia, spoke to the Committee regarding the provisions of SB 877.

Liesl Clark, representing the Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA), submitted a card indicating support for SB 877.

Bob Tadsen, representing the Michigan AgriBusiness Association, submitted a card indicating support for SB 877.

The Chair stated that voting on all bills on the Committee agenda would take place subsequent to hearing testimony on the bills.

The Chair laid SB 1167, SB 1168 and SB 1169 before the Committee.

SB 1167	Jelinek	Agriculture; other; value-added and commercialization roundtable; establish for certain purposes.
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SB 1168	McManus	Agriculture; other; value-added and commercialization program for agriculture processing; expand to include a grant and loan program.
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SB 1169	Brown	Agriculture; other; agricultural development fund; create and provide for administration.
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Senator McManus spoke to the Committee regarding SB 1167-SB 1169.

Connie Burgess, representing Senator Jelinek, was present to answer questions regarding SB 1167.

Liesl Clark, representing the Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA), spoke to the Committee regarding SB 1167-SB 1169, and indicated a neutral position and support for the concept of the bills.

Ron Nelson, representing the Michigan Farm Bureau, spoke to the Committee and indicated support for SB 1167-SB 1169 and specifically commented on provisions of SB 1168 (H-1).

Jeanne Laimon, representing Senator Cameron Brown, submitted a card on behalf of Senator Brown in support of SB 1169.

The Chair stated that the Committee would stand at ease, the time being 4:14 p.m.

Chair Nitz reconvened the meeting at 4:18 p.m.

Representative Proos made a motion to adopt SB 877 (H-1), supported by Representative Kathleen Law.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Nitz, Ball, Newell, Stahl, Proos, Hune, Mayes, Spade, Kathleen Law, Sheltrown. (10/11)

Nays: None. (0/11)

Pass: None. (0/11) (10/0/0)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

Representative Stahl made a motion to report SB 877 (H-1) with recommendation, supported by Representative Mayes.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Nitz, Ball, Newell, Stahl, Proos, Hune, Mayes, Spade, Kathleen Law, Sheltrown. (10/11)

Nays: None. (0/11)

Pass: None. (0/11) (10/0/0)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

Representative Hune made a motion to report SB 1167 with recommendation, supported by Representative Spade.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Nitz, Ball, Newell, Stahl, Proos, Hune, Mayes, Spade, Kathleen Law, Sheltroun. (10/11)

Nays: None. (0/11)

Pass: None. (0/11) (10/0/0)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

Representative Kathleen Law made a motion to adopt SB 1168 (H-1), supported by Representative Sheltroun.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Nitz, Ball, Newell, Stahl, Proos, Hune, Mayes, Spade, Kathleen Law, Sheltroun. (10/11)

Nays: None. (0/11)

Pass: None. (0/11) (10/0/0)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

Representative Hune made a motion to amend SB 1168 (H-1) as follows, supported by Representative Newell.

1. Amend page 5, line 3, after "**STATE.**" by inserting "**IN APPROVING A GRANT UNDER THIS SUBSECTION, THE COMMISSION OF AGRICULTURE SHALL STATE THE SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE REASONS SUPPORTING THE SELECTION OF THE APPLICANT OVER COMPETING APPLICANTS.**".

2. Amend page 8, line 17, after "**LOAN**" by inserting "**OR LOAN GUARANTEE**".

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Nitz, Ball, Newell, Stahl, Proos, Hune, Mayes, Spade, Kathleen Law, Sheltroun. (10/11)

Nays: None. (0/11)

Pass: None. (0/11) (10/0/0)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

Representative Newell made a motion to report SB 1168 (H-2) with recommendation, supported by Representative Stahl.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Nitz, Ball, Newell, Stahl, Proos, Hune, Spade, Kathleen Law, Sheltroun. (9/11)

Nays: None. (0/11)

Pass: Representative Mayes. (1/11) (9/0/1)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

Representative Hune made a motion to amend SB 1169 as follows, supported by Representative Ball.

1. Amend page 1, line 6, after “TO” by striking out “4%” and inserting “2%”.

UNFAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Nitz, Ball, Stahl, Proos, Hune. (5/11)

Nays: Representatives Mayes, Spade, Kathleen Law, Sheltroun. (4/11)

Pass: Representative Newell. (1/11) (5/4/1)

An insufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion did not prevail.

Representative Ball made a motion to report SB 1169 with recommendation, supported by Representative Proos.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Nitz, Ball, Newell, Stahl, Proos, Hune, Spade, Kathleen Law, Sheltroun. (9/11)

Nays: None. (0/11)

Pass: Representative Mayes. (1/11) (9/0/1)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

Representative Ball made a motion to excuse absent members, supported by Representative Kathleen Law. No objections being offered, absent members were excused.

There being no additional business before the Committee, Chair Nitz declared the meeting adjourned, the time being 4:40 p.m.

Representative Neal Nitz, Chair

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